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SUBJECT: PORTUGAL RECEIVES DEMOCRACY IN MAURITANIA MESSAGE

REF: STATE 13962

On February 18, Pol-Econ officer delivered reftel points urging Portugal and its EU partners to continue to withhold assistance funds from Mauritania until the government restores democracy and constitutional order. Portuguese MFA Middle East Officer Ivo Inacio received the message but did not offer a substantive response.

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